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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

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TO THE

Town Council of Bewdley.

Bewdley, January 27th, 1896.

AREA (in Statute Acres) 2070.

POPULATION (Census 1891), 2870.

POPULATION (Estimated 1894), 2900.

GENTLEMEN,

Death Rate.

During the year ending Dec. 31st, 1895, the number of deaths registered was 60; the annual death rate thus being 20.86 per 1000. This is much larger than last year, and is no doubt due to the extremely severe weather in the early part of the year, as in the first half of the year there were 42 deaths. The number of deaths from diseases of the chest, as will be seen below, was exceptionally large, affecting the old people and young children particulary. The large infant Mortality rate of 218 per 1000 births is also explained to a large extent by the same cause.

Of these deaths there were :—

under 1 year	14
over 1 and under 5 years	5
,, 5 ,, 25 ,,	7
,, 25 ,, 60 ,,	11
over 60 years	23
	60

Birth Rate. During the corresponding period, there were 64 births, giving a birth rate of 22.2. This number is much smaller than last year.

Respiratory Rate. There were 16 deaths from diseases of the respiratory tract, an unusually large number, the death rate being 5.5.

Heart Disease This was accountable for 10 deaths, the death rate being 3.47.

Cancer. There were 2 deaths from Malignant disease (sarcoma) giving a death rate of 0.69

Phthisis. There were 4 deaths from Phthisis, the death rate being 1.38

Notification of Infectious Diseases Act. During the year. the Borough has been comparatively free from Zymotic disease, only 4 cases being notified, viz: 2 Scarlatina (1 over 5 years and 1 under) and 2 erysipelas, both over 5 years.

In March last, Dr. Fosbroke visited the Borough, and made an inspection in company with the Committee, your Inspector and myself. He made a special report on this visit, which you have no doubt already considered. For this inspection the sewers were opened, and the opportunity was taken to cleanse them, and to repair them where necessary.

Bakehouses and Slaughter Houses. The Bakehouses and Slaughterhouses are in a satisfactory condition. One new bakehouse and one new slaughterhouse have been opened.

Dairies and Cowsheds. Dairies and Cowsheds are in a satisfactory condition.

Sanitary Condition.

Regular attention has been paid during the year, by your inspector and myself to the Sanitary condition of the Borough, a systematic inspection being made, and many improvements have been carried out, with regard especially to the drains and sanitary condition of the dwellings. Some of the old brick sewers have been replaced by socket-pipe drains ; 2 houses have been closed and 2 cases of overcrowding dealt with, some houses that were void have since been repaired, and put in a habitable condition. A well in Dog Lane, after examination of the water by the County Analyst, has been opened for public use.

I enclose forms A· and B., respecting the Deaths, Births, and Infectious Diseases and

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Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

TREVOR WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health,

TABLE A.

TABLE of DEATHS during the year 1895, in the Bewdley Urban District, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shewn as separate localites.	Mortality from all Causes, at Subjoined Ages.								Mortality from subjoined causes distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five Years of Age.								
	At all Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards		Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhœa and Dysentery.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	Total.
Bewdley Urban.	60	14	5	5	2	16	18	Under 5	1	1			11			6	19
								5 upwds			1	4	5	10	4	17	41
Total.	60	14	5	5	2	16	18	Under 5	1	1			11			6	19
								5 upwds			1	4	5	10	4	17	41

TABLE B.

TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of the new cases of Infectious Sickness, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Bewdley Urban District; classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shewn as separate localities.	Population at all Ages.		Registered Births		New Cases of Sickness in each Locality, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.		Number of such Cases Removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.
	Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1895.			Scarlatina.	Erysipelas.	
Bewdley.	2876	2876	64	Under 5	1	.....	
				5 upwds	1	2	
Totals.	2876	2876	64	Under 5	1	.....	
				5 upwds	1	2	

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District? yes. Since when? February, 1891. Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with which headings the names of any that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which the Hospital is situated; and if not within the District, state where it is situated, none.